

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-23 and 25-49 have been allowed by the Examiner. Claim 24 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dutta (U.S. Patent No. 6,539,424). Claim 24 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by the claims prior to this Amendment is unpatentable over the art cited by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims in one or more continuing applications, including claims capturing the subject matter encompassed by claims prior to this Amendment and additional claims. No new matter has been entered.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicant. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested. It is submitted that the foregoing amendments and remarks should render the case in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

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